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[Reports to the Supervising Surgeon-General, United States Marine-Hospital Service.]

Abstract of replies received to circular letter addressed to State boards of health relative to transportation of dead bodies.

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KANSAS.

The State board of health is authorized to prepare forms and establish regulations by which permits for transferring dead bodies of persons for burial beyond the locality where the death occurs may be issued.

The disinterment of the body of any person dead of any contagious or infectious disease is strictly prohibited unless by special permission of the local health authorities, and upon such conditions as the local health authorities may impose.

NEW MEXICO.

No regulations in force, but the board of health has ample power and authority to make such as are necessary and for the safety of the public health.

Smallpox in Ohio.

[From the Ohio Sanitary Bulletin, September, 1898.]

Smallpox has recently occurred in Ohio, at Goshen, Clermont County, at Put-in-Bay, and at Cincinnati. It was at first mistaken for chicken pox.

The first case at Goshen developed May 28, but the attention of the State board of health was not called to this case and other cases that developed from it until many of the patients were well, and there were still doubts as to the nature of the malady. Quarantine measures quickly suppressed the disease. There were no deaths.

About the middle of August smallpox made its appearance among the servants of a large summer hotel, the Victory, at Put-in-Bay. Here again the first cases were taken for chicken pox. Fortunately effort was made to prevent spread of the disease, though there were doubtless many exposures. Not until August 28 was the disease declared to be smallpox and proper precautions taken. There were several hundred guests at the hotel, who left on that day. Twenty-six cases developed, all among servants of the hotel, 21 of them negroes. Most of these had come from Asheville, N. C. The hotel was closed and no new cases have been reported since quarantine was established. There was but one death. The origin of the disease is unknown.

Three cases have recently been reported in Cincinnati. It was impossible to find the origin of these cases. Both at Goshen and Put-in-Bay the disease in the majority of cases was exceedingly mild. In the former place seven or eight children who had never had the disease passed through it in ten days to two weeks, were scarcely at all in bed on account of it, and were left with a skin but little pitted. Yet in families where the very mild cases occurred there was usually one marked case of smallpox.

It appears that smallpox this year is milder than usual.